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1. DETAILS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL, ETC. ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TRADE STATISTICS OF IRELAND PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE (CSO) BUT THERE IS ABOUT A THREE MONTH TIME LAG (I.E., APRIL FIGURES APPEARED IN JULY). COMPUTER PRINTOUTS OF ALL OF IRELAND'S FOREIGN TRADE ARE SUPPLIED TO THE EMBASSY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY THE CSO APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AFTER THE END OF EACH QUARTER. THESE PRINTOUTS ARE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON TO COVER CERP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. MARINE BUNKERS ARE NOT LISTED SEPARATELY BUT ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE HEADINGS "OTHER GAS/DIESEL" AND "FUEL OIL" IN BOTH THE PUBLISHED FIGURES AND THE COMPUTER PRINTOUTS. LOCAL PRODUCTION MEETS APPROXIMATELY HALF OF IRELAND'S REQUIREMENTS FOR REFINED PRODUCTS.

2. UNDER IRISH AND EEC (MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY STOCKS) REGULATIONS THE ONLY REFINERY IN THE COUNTRY (IRISH REFINING COMPANY LIMITED, WHITEGATE, CORK), THE PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION
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COMPANIES, LARGE INDUSTRIAL HOLDERS, ETC. ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER ON STOCKS OF CRUDE OIL, FEEDSTOCKS, COMPONENTS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS AT THE END OF EACH MONTH. THESE FIGURES ARE NOT PUBLISHED BUT THEY ARE OCCASIONALLY MENTIONED IN THE DAIL (PARLIAMENT) IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER HAS BEEN INFORMALLY PROVIDING THE EMBASSY WITH THESE FIGURES ON A

QUARTERLY BASIS. RECENT GOI ORDER INCREASED LEVEL OF STOCKS TO BE HELD BY OIL COMPANIES, ETC. FROM 60 DAYS TO 80 DAYS NATIONAL SUPPLY IN LINE WITH EEC POLICY OF MAINTAINING A MINIMUM LEVEL OF STRATEGIC STOCKS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. ULTIMATE GOAL OF 90 DAYS SUPPLY HAS BEEN REACHED IN SOME CATEGORIES (RESERVE STOCKS INCLUDE QUANTITIES OUTSIDE IRELAND BUT EARMARKED FOR IRISH USE).

3. IN SHORT, GOI IS ABLE TO ESTIMATE ON CURRENT BASIS INVENTORY LEVELS OF CRUDE AND PRODUCTS BASED ON MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF STATISTICS BY THE INDUSTRY, BUT THIS DATA IS NOT USUALLY PUBLISHED. SHANNON

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